GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2528
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2002
PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ORDINANCE
GADDE RAMAMOHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give more teeth to POTO to counter terrorist organizations operating outside India as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated February 15, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government have discussed the matter with political leaders/experts in the regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the suggestions given by them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): There is no proposal at present to amend the provisions of the Prevention of Terrorism (Second) Ordinance, 2001 (POTO) or the Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2002 seeking to replace the POTO moved for consideration by the Lok Sabha during the current Session.

(b) to (e): Do not arise.